

REMARKS

Claims 3, 5-6, 8, and 11-12 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to better conform with U.S. practice and to minimize filing fees.

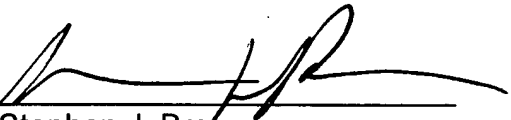
Claim 12 has been amended in two places to replace "trough" with "through" to correct an obvious typographical error. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way

Claims 13-20 have been added. Support for these claims is found in the specification at, for example, page 2, lines 21-29, page 3, line 9 - page 6, line 6, and page 12, lines 13-22 and in original claims 1, 3, and 5. See *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (I) (8th ed. Rev. 3, August 2005, pp. 600-89 and 600-81).

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments are respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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